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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Paula W Klimach

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 April 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chaney (6,035,037) in view of Santis et al.

In reference to claim 1, Chaney discloses a method for managing access to a signal representative of an event of a service provider, said method comprising:

Receiving said signal in a smart card, said signal being scrambled using a scrambling key (column 4 lines 18-21);

Descrambling, in said smart card, said signal using said generated scrambling key to provide a descrambled signal (column 3 lines 8-21).

Although Chaney teaches the generation of a scrambling key (column 7 lines 11-13) and the storage of an algorithm in the smart card, the reference does not explicitly express using a first seed value received in said smart card and a second seed value, said second seed value being permanently stored in said smart card; and receiving, in said smart card, data representative of a first seed value.

Santis discloses generating said scrambling key using said first seed value received in said smart card and a second seed value, said second seed value being permanently stored in said smart card (page 528 Protocol 2 Part Shadow function generation phase); and receiving, in said

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smart card, data representative of a first seed value (page 528 Protocol 2 shared function evaluation phase).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to generate the scrambling key as disclosed by Santis in the smart card as disclosed by Chaney. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because the need for shareable functions is required to distribute the functionality of a party performing cryptography (page 522 Introduction). It would enable a message to be broadcast and only a select subset of listeners.

In reference to claim 5, Chaney discloses a system for managing access between a service provider and a device having a smart card coupled thereto, said device performing the steps of:

Receiving from the service provider a signal representative of an event, said signal being scrambled using a scrambling key (column 4 lines 18-21).

Receiving from the service provider data representative of descrambling data from the ECM packet (column 7 lines 1-15).

Receiving from the smart card the descrambled signal (column 6 lines 7-16). Chaney also discloses a system where the software, and therefore the algorithm, for descrambling data is stored within the smart card and the algorithm uses the generated descrambling key (column 7 lines 1-15). , said smart card having a means for access control processing (column 7 lines 30-35).

Chaney does not expressly disclose the descrambling data received in the form of a first seed value which is selected from a Euclidean plane.

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However, Santis discloses receiving from the service provider data, representative of a first seed value, said first seed value being selected from a Euclidean plane (page 528 Protocol 2 in combination with Definition 6). Further Santis discloses coupling said scrambled signal and said first seed value, both received from the service provider, to said smart card; means for generating said scrambling key by calculating the Y-intercept - of a line on said Euclidean plane by said first seed value and a second seed value which is permanently stored [, said second seed value being pre-stored] in said smart card and means for descrambling, within said smart card, said signal using said generated scrambling key to generate a descrambled signal (Page 524 part 3.1).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to generate the scrambling key as disclosed by Santis in the smart card as disclosed by Chaney. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because the need for shareable functions is required to distribute the functionality of a party performing cryptography (page 522 Introduction). It would enable a message to be broadcast and only a select subset of listeners.

2. Claims 2-4, and 6-8 are rejected as in claims 1 and 5 respectively above.

In reference to claim 2, wherein said first and second seed values are 20 points on a Euclidean plane. The definition indicates that the Euclidean algorithm is implemented and therefore it can be assumed that the Euclidean space is used. The number of points chosen is a design decision.

In reference to claim 3, wherein the step of generating said scrambling key comprises calculating the Y-intercept of a line formed on said Euclidean plane by said first and second seed values (Santis page 524 part 3.1).

In reference to claim 4, wherein said smart card has a card body having a plurality of terminals arranged on a surface of said card body in accordance with one of 150 7816 and PCMCIA card standards (Chaney column 7 lines 36-50 in combination with Fig. 2A).

In reference to claim 6, wherein the device is a set-top box. It is obvious that the device the smart card is connected to in Fig. 1 is a set-top box, since this is a well-known method of receiving scrambled video data.

In reference to claims 7 and 8, wherein the device is a digital television or a digital videocassette recorder. It is well know that the video signal sent form Fig. 1 part 150 and 155 is sent to a display. A digital television is one type of display. The type of display chosen is a design decision. A digital videocassette recorder is also well known in the art for video recording and viewing.

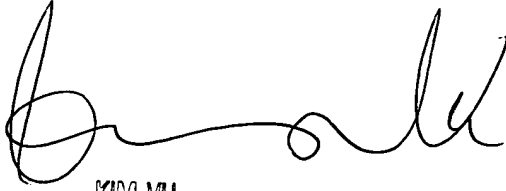
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paula W Klimach whose telephone number is (703) 305-8421. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon to Thr 9:30 a.m to 5:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on (703) 305-4393. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4832.

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